



IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY COUNCIL JUNE 2017 MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Council met at Camp Dodge on June 1, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brian Gardner, Linn County Sheriff. The minutes from the last meeting were approved, as well as items for the consent agenda.

Waivers. The Council granted waivers relating to individuals with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, and the Charles City Police Department. A waiver related to an individual applying to the Linn County Sheriff's Office was declined.

Council Discussion. The Council discussed streamlining of the awards that the ILEA distributes. There has been some discussion with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines for coordination. No action will be taken by the Council until the October meeting.

Director Report. Director Judy Bradshaw reported on several items:

- Considering the FY 2017 deappropriation and reduced funding for FY 2018, there may need to be a staff reorganization going into the fall. Currently, 60.0% of the training is done by outside instructors, making it more difficult to monitor the quality and content of training. Local agencies that provide an instructor receive a credit for other types of training at the ILEA.
- No general funds were appropriated for planning of a new training facility that would incorporate several agencies. The Governor's recommendation for FY 2018 had included \$5.0 million for planning of a new training facility. The ILEA had been considering different sites that would have been possible, including the Newton Maytag facility that had been gifted to the Des Moines Area Community College. However, as time elapses this option will probably not be available, as the city of Newton is actively working to find a tenant.
- The current ILEA building continues to pose safety and health concerns for the staff and for the students housed in the building during the 15-week basic academy training. Director Bradshaw also noted that the chiller for the building only partially works and has a replacement cost of \$60,000 that is not planned for in the budget. If the chiller ceases working, the lack of air conditioning will make the building unusable.
- The 274th and 275th basic classes will be graduating on August 11 and August 18.
- Director Bradshaw stated that basic academy tuition will not be raised at this time, but increases in other fees will be effective July 1, 2017, as the current fee levels will not be enough to meet operating costs given the reduction in State general funds.
- Curriculum updates include crisis intervention training, ALERT active shooter training, TRACS, and financial fraud. Training for human trafficking will be expanded.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be August 3, 2017, at the ILEA building at Camp Dodge.

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